



Docket No. 740756-1894

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.) Examiner: William D. COLEMAN
Application Serial No. 09/197,534) Art Unit: 2823
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 5, 2002, the due date for which having been extended two (2) months to December 5, 2002, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

At the outset the Examiner is thanked for the review and consideration of the present application.

The Examiner's Action dated July 5, 2002 has been received and its contents reviewed. Claims 1-26 are pending in the instant application, of which claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, and 19 are independent.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, claims 1-16 appear to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Hidemi et al. (Japanese Patent Abstract 03-159119 – hereafter Hidemi), although the Office Action only provides a summary of the rejection of claims 1-12 in Section 3, page 2. Moreover, Applicants note that claims 21 and 22 appear to be rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Hidemi, although there is no summary of this rejection. Further, claims 9-12, and 24 appear to be rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Hidemi in view of Nakazawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,561,075), although the rejection summary in Section 18, page 5 of the Office Action only mention claims 9-10. Still further, claims 17-20, 25, and 26 are

rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Hidemi in view of Czubytyj et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,180,690 – hereafter Czubytyj). These rejections are respectfully traversed at least for the reasons provided below.

With respect to all of the pending §102(e) and §103(a) rejections over Hidemi, whether applied alone or in combination with a secondary reference, the Examiner asserts that Hidemi discloses moving the glass substrate in a direction perpendicular to the elongation direction of the pulsed laser beam, a step that recited in all of Applicants' pending independent claims. However, Applicants cannot find the alleged disclosure or any suggestions of Applicants' above-discussed claimed feature in Hidemi. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that Hidemi is deficient at least in the feature of moving the glass substrate in a direction perpendicular to the elongation direction of the pulsed laser beam.

As all of the pending §102(e) and §103(a) rejections are relying on Hidemi alone or in combination with a secondary reference, and as Hidemi is deficient in the above-discussed step without a cure from any secondary reference, the pending rejections are improper. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the pending rejections.

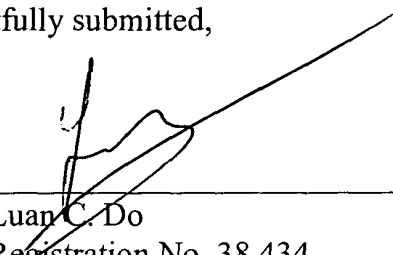
Should the Examiner maintain these rejections, Applicants would respectfully request specific support for the allegation in form of English translation of Hidemi. Applicants could provide an English translation, if it would be desirable to the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Having responded to the rejection set forth in the outstanding non-Final Office Action, it is submitted that claims 1-26 are now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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